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Applicant(s): Ould-Brahim	
Application No.: 10/623,400	Group Art Unit: Unknown
Filed: 07/17/2003	
Title: Hierarchical Optical VPNs in a Carrier's Carrier VPN Environment	Examiner: Unknown
Attorney Docket No.: 120.288 38898-0047	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION TO CORRECT FILING DATE PURSUANT TO §1.10(d)

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner to correct the filing date of the above application to reflect the change the filing date of the above application to July 17, 2003, to reflect the date that the application was deposited with the "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service of the USPS.

The facts surrounding the filing of the patent application by Express mail are as follows:

- 1). I, Lindsay McGuinness have a relationship with the Canadian Patent firm of Ridout and Maybee LLP, and frequently assist the firm in the filing of applications in the United States Patent Office.
- 2). On July 16 at 4:09 pm, I received from Ridout and Maybee specification and drawings to be filed for the above patent application by a requested filign date of July 17, 2003. The cover letter illustrating receipt of these documents is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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3). On July 16, at 4:49 pm, I forwarded the documents to my office manager, Carol Ann Mahoney. The cover letter illustrating the transmission of these documents is shown as attached Exhibit B.

4). On July 17, 2003, when I came into work in the morning, my office manager, Carol Ann Mahoney, had prepared all the necessary documents for filing the application and had them ready for my signature, including a return receipt postcard with the express mail number of the application clearly marked on the postcard.

5). Following my signature, per standard office practice, Ms. Mahoney filled out the 'Date In' block of the Express Mail label to indicated July 17, 2003 (the date of filing), made full copies of the patent specification, drawings, paperwork, Express Mail Label, and postcard, placed the application in the Express Mail envelope, and placed the Express Mail envelope in the Express Mail deposit box which is located right outside the entrance to our office. The copy of the Express Mail label, as it was marked before it was placed in the Express Mail drop off box, is shown attached hereto as Exhibit C.

6). The Express Mail Drop off box ID is 0172000005, and markings on the exterior of the box indicate that the pick up time for the box is 4 p.m.

7). After dropping the paperwork in the Express Mail Drop off box, Ms. Mahoney prepared a letter to Ridout and Maybee, including all paperwork that was filed for the application and indicating that it had been successfully filed on July 17, 2003. I signed the letter on that date. A copy of the letter is shown attached hereto as Exhibit D.

8). Upon receipt of our paperwork, Ridout & Maybee noticed that we had erroneously filed a request for non-publication. When we pulled the file to prepare the request to rescind the request for non-publication, we noticed that the application had incorrectly been assigned a filing date of July 18, 2003, rather than July 17, 2003. Upon closer inspection, we noticed that 'Date In' filed of the Express Mail Label, which was mailed to us as a Customer receipt from the USPS, had been changed at the USPS. It appears that someone within the Post Office has manually changed the 'Date In' field to

be July 18, 2003, rather than July 17, 2003. A copy of the manually amended customer receipt is shown as attached Exhibit E.

9). Having discovered the error in filing date assignment, we have promptly prepared this petition to correct such error.

10). Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to accord the patent application the filing date of July 17, 2003, because that is the date that it was placed in the Express Mail drop box.

11). An affidavit from Carol Ann Mahoney regarding the above facts is attached hereto as Exhibit F.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully Submitted,

8/7/2003
Date

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Please find attached a copy of Tom Stein's letter dated July 17, 2003, a copy of the signed forms as set out in his letter together with a copy of the application and figures to be filed at the USPTO by the deadline of July 17, 2003.

Thank you for your assistance.

Regards,

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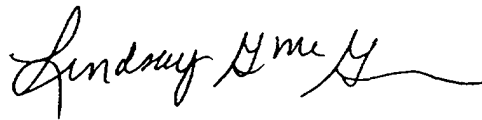
Dear Tom:

Attached are the filing papers for the above-identified patent application filed today.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

Steubing McGuinness & Manaras LLP



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AFFADAVIT OF CAROL ANN MAHONEY

I, Carol Ann Mahoney, attest that the following facts are true:

1. On the afternoon of July 16, 2003, I received an e-mail from Lindsay McGuinness requesting that I prepare paperwork for the filing of a patent application received from the firm Ridout & Maybee.
2. I arrived at work at approximately 8 a.m. on July 17, 2003. Shortly after my arrival, I prepared documents for filing, including a return receipt postcard, utility patent application transmittal form, fee transmittal form and a non-publication request.
3. When Lindsay McGuinness arrived at the office, she signed the paperwork that I had prepared.
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5. After making copies of all papers filed, I placed the application paperwork in an Express Mail Envelope, affixed the Express Mail Label to the envelope, added postage, and then walked over to and deposited the envelope in the Express Mail drop box which is approximately ten yards from my desk.
6. Although I do not know the exact time that I deposited the application in the Express Mail box, I am comfortable stating that the time was somewhere between 10 am and 2 pm, and am certain that it was well before the 4pm pick up time.
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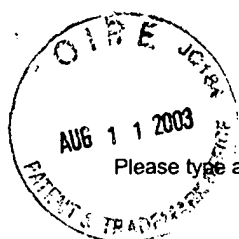
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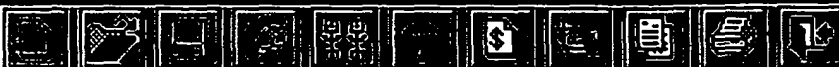
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